



Eight Mile Road

## Greenacres Woodward Civic Association

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The Honorable Virgil K. Smith  
Michigan State Representative, District 7  
686 House Office Building  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, Michigan 48909

June 21, 2006

Re: Opposition to House Bill #6105; granting power to PSC to set rates for the DWSD.

Dear Representative Smith:

The Greenacres Woodward Civic Association (GWCA) represents over 1100 households in the north-central Detroit area bordered by Eight Mile Road (to the north), Woodward Avenue (to the east), Pembroke Road (to the south), and Livernois Avenue (to the west).

**The GWCA Board has voted unanimously and wishes to go on record as vociferously opposing HB-6105;** for many reasons, not limited to the following:

- The Public Service Commission does not and *should not* have jurisdiction over municipally owned utilities (Public Act 3, 1939).
- Detroit alone would be targeted; as no other city in the State of Michigan would lose their sovereign authority.
- The Public Service Commissioners are not elected by, nor do they report to the general public. This body is selected, appointed and serves at the pleasure of the sitting governor; however each individual term ends only upon retirement. Therefore, it is our concern that the PSC is not credibly an impartial group.
- We are deeply troubled by the *possible* rationale behind this legislation.

Thus, we urge you to communicate our opposition to HB-6105 to your colleagues in the House and to the Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy; due to the negative impact it would have directly on the City of Detroit, and consequently on the City's current and potential relationships throughout the greater metropolitan area.

On behalf of the GWCA board, thank you for addressing our concerns and for keeping us informed of such critical legislative actions.

Sincerely,

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Cc: K.H. President